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1. At a meeting of the Zentralrat of the FDJ in East Berlin from 6 to 8 January 1954, several speakers in the general discussion criticized the attitude of the East German press and radio during the Christmas holidays. It was stated that too many religious Christmas carols had been played on the radio and that the press had paid too much attention to Christian symbols and practices.
2. Werner Lamberz <sup>1/</sup> was severely criticized because his publication had included a great deal of Christian Christmas material and had practically ignored the excellent material prepared by the Junge Pioniere Department of the FDJ Zentralrat. He, and the press and radio in general, were accused of not having stressed sufficiently that Christmas is a feast of peace.
3. Theo Neumann, Head of the Culture Department of the FDJ Zentralrat, was attacked because of the form and content of the FDJ functionaries' periodical, Junge Generation. He was accused of having failed to pay the necessary attention to the decisions of the 6th session of the Zentralrat while publishing a long series of articles on love and marriage by Birkner (fnu). It was stated that these articles had created a great deal of confusion in FDJ ranks.
4. A further criticism was directed against the FDJ work in the Agfa-Wolfen plant. The main point of contention was that the FDJ secretary in this plant had been changed fourteen times within the last two years.

<sup>1/</sup> Comment. Lamberz is editor of either Junge Welt or Pioniere Zeitung.

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